

# July Fourth-1941

We celebrate our Independence Day, technically at peace, in a world aflame. But we have never deluded ourselves—and we must not now. Actually, we are at war! We are at war, not just because we are shipping munitions to Britain, but because our way of life—our Democracy—has been challenged; because there are abroad in the world powerful forces which

are determined that men shall be returned to serfdom; because the dignity of man has been assailed by power-crazed sovereigns of State.

We have not yet been called upon to man machine guns; we have not yet been forced to run for shelter as bombers roar overhead. And we hope and pray that that day shall not come. But we are still at war, for in this era, as in every era that has gone before, eternal vigilance is still the

## President to Lead Pledge

All Americans in unison, 130 million strong, are urged to renew their pledge of allegiance to the United States of America immediately after President Roosevelt's address to the country by radio on the Fourth of July. The Chief Executive has announced he will be glad to lead the pledge.

During the course of this nation-wide patriotic rally in which every American is expected to participate, "The Star Spangled Banner" is to be played by bands throughout the country at exactly the same split-second.

price of liberty. There is no permanency guaranteed for any institution—even for Liberty—except that which we guarantee, as co-signers and co-defenders of our Declaration of Independence. That document isn't something which was signed, sealed and delivered back in 1776; that document is ours to enjoy, only if we safeguard it; only if we are willing to live and die for it.

Let's remember that, this Independence Day.

It's a Pretty, Patriotic Sight



The great natural spectacle of north rim Grand Canyon becomes backdrop for bits of pretty, patriotic pageantry as Betty Davis, Sophie Reed and Mary Lou Jones raise the Stars and Stripes.

## Salaries of School Staff Declared Major Cause for Swollen Budget

Unless thorough-going slashes are made in the \$45,206,327 revised tentative budget which the Los Angeles city board of education has filed with the county superintendent of schools, taxpayers of the city school district will have to pay a tax rate of \$2.025 for their schools, an increase of 22.68 cents over the \$1.7982 rate for the current year," declared J. C. Bennett, of California Taxpayers' association this week.

John F. Dalton, veteran member of the Board of Education, was elected president of the board Tuesday, succeeding Dr. E. Vincent Askey, and immediately took a firm stand for school economy. He recommended a cut of \$436,650 and declared against lowering salaries of school employees.

The revised tentative budget proposes expenditures which, unless cut, will be \$1,721,652 over the budget for the current year. However, because of decreases in surplus and reduced state apportionment because average daily attendance has dropped, the increase in the tax requirement on the people of the district is estimated in this tentative budget at \$3,075,119," Bennett stated.

Enrollment in the regular day schools on May 30 was 4,069 below enrollment for the same time last year, he said. It is agreed by school authorities and population experts alike that there is little likelihood that the number of children to be enrolled in the schools next year will increase.

Maximum in Fewer Years  
Pointing out that salaries of the teaching and the non-teaching staff of the district account for \$33,500,000, or about three-fourths of the budget, and that a major portion of the proposed increase in the budget is for salaries, Bennett stated:

"The present salary schedule was adopted in the spring of 1928, when the cost of living index was 100.6. Today the cost

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## Bus Schedule Expanded for City, Waleria

Increased municipal bus service Sundays and holidays between Torrance and Los Angeles and daily except Sundays and holidays between Waleria, Lomita, Torrance and Los Angeles will become effective July 15, according to Manager L. J. Gilmeister of the transportation system.

The new Sunday and holidays schedule will provide buses leaving Torrance at 8:10 and 10:10 a. m., 3:10, 5:10 and 7:10 p. m. The present schedule has buses leaving Torrance at 2:10 and 4:10. From Los Angeles, the new southbound time is 9 and 11 a. m., 4, 6 and 8 p. m., with the last bus running to Narbonne and Highway 101.

Under the revised Waleria schedule, the first bus will leave that community at Newton st. and Hawthorne Blvd. at 6:44 and 10:14 a. m., 5:54 and 7:44 p. m., and 12:07 a. m. The present schedule only provides two buses daily from Waleria.

Requested by the Waleria Civic Organization, the expanded schedule will be given a 30-day trial after which, if patronage is light, it may be discontinued.

## 4,563 May Cast Ballots Here in Recall Election

A total of 4,563 Torrance voters will be eligible to participate in the July 29 recall election, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett announced this week.

According to law, no further registrations may be accepted for that election. However, the registration books are open to qualified voters who desire to register for subsequent elections, Bartlett said.

The number of qualified electors for the last municipal election, held April 9, 1940, was 4,866, while the number eligible to vote at the general election in November, 1940 was 5,383.

## Frolic is Out But New Event is Considered

With the 1941 Factory Frolic, a community event staged each fall for the past three years, evidently "gone with the wind" this year for lack of a sponsoring group, tentative plans are being considered by local merchants for sponsoring a combined hobby show and industrial exhibit some time next September.

Pay Parks, who served as chairman of the Factory Frolic committee in 1933, is talking over such an idea with representative merchants and civic groups. President Robert McCullough of the Torrance Retail Merchants' Association is likewise interested in the plan.

Last fall the Chamber of Commerce sponsored the Factory Frolic, an event which brought several thousand visitors to Torrance. The first frolic in 1938 was sponsored by the Coordinating Council. After a series of meetings called by Dean Sears, temporary chairman of the Factory Frolic Committee this year, no sponsoring organization offered to underwrite the annual event.

Employment of thousands of local workers on national defense projects was also a factor which led many to think the event should go by the boards this year. Parks expects to have a conference with merchants soon and reach a decision on whether the businessmen will go through with a three-day informal event next September.

## Van Kralingen's Brother Survivor of Torpedoing

A high-dive off the afterdeck of the torpedoed Dutch steamer Yselhaven into the Atlantic was the narrowest incident in the life of Jacob Van Kralingen, 46-year-old brother of Anthony Van Kralingen of 2304 Gramercy ave., according to a letter received yesterday by the well-known local resident. Jacob is now in New York with 14 other survivors of the sinking, undergoing treatment for shock and exposure as result of 10 days and nights in an open lifeboat.

The Dutch seaman's letter graphically reported what happened when a Nazi U-boat shot two torpedoes into the steamer. The following are excerpts from his letter to the Torrance brother whom he has not seen for 28 years.

"After viewing the destruction of the city and docks of Liverpool, we left that port May 27 convoyed by a destroyer for six days. On June 6 we were suddenly hit by two torpedoes some 400 miles off the coast of Newfoundland. The explosions ripped open the bow of the ship which went down nose first in about three minutes.

"I was asleep in my bunk at the time of the attack and I only had time to put on a thin blue jacket and reach the deck where I did the narrowest act of my life in jumping from the

afterdeck which stuck high up in the air at that moment. "After swimming around for more than 30 minutes in bitter cold water, I was picked up by a lifeboat with a dozen other seamen aboard. "We drifted in that open boat in storm and rain, half-dressed, for 10 days and nights. Then we were picked up by a steamer from Finland and were landed in Norfolk, Virginia nine days later. The survivors are now in care of our consul in New York City and under doctor's treatment for shock and exposure. "Our captain and six men went down and the other lifeboat with 15 aboard is still missing. Jacob Van Kralingen has been away from his home port of Rotterdam since February 1940. He and his fellow Dutch seamen are in the British merchant service and he had made four Atlantic crossings, prior to May 10, according to his brother Anthony here.

## "Daisy" Becomes "Mr. Glutz" as Torrance Boy Gives up Dog

Mistaken identity has led to a "stand-in" for the named "Mr. Glutz," a dog who endeared himself to all who knew him at Glenn Ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Tally—and thereby hangs a tale which includes a Torrance boy.

Several—it must have been a full year—months ago, "Mr. Glutz" mysteriously disappeared from the Glenn Ranch where he was an unofficial but active host. Scores informed the Tallies they had seen the dog here, there and everywhere. The Tallies traveled hundreds of miles following up leads—but all proved futile.

Recently Richard Thayer of 1607 Post ave., notified the Tallies he believed he had "Mr. Glutz" and that, even tho he had become attached to the dog, honestly believed he should be returned to his rightful owners. "Daisy" now "Mr. Glutz" Jubilantly, the Tallies motored

to Torrance to retrieve the long lost animal, which in the meantime had been renamed "Daisy." Richard says the pup looked exactly like "Daisy" in the movies—hence the title.

But one quick glance revealed that "Daisy" was not "Mr. Glutz" altho there was considerable resemblance. Richard explained: "I tried to make him stop following me when I first saw him but he wouldn't go away so I brought him home." When the Tallies climbed back in their station wagon for the long trip back to Glenn Ranch from Torrance, "Daisy" transferred his affections from Richard to the visitors and joyfully jumped into the car after them. He refused to leave.

So "Daisy" went to Glenn Ranch, has been renamed "Mr. Glutz" and Richard and his folks are looking forward to accepting the Tallies' invitation to dinner at the famed mountain resort.

## Navy Officials to See Sites for Huge Hospital

Members of the Navy shore station development board were scheduled to make a personal inspection Wednesday of the Palos Verdes and Long Beach sites for the proposed \$2,500,000 naval hospital in this area.

San Pedro Chamber of Commerce directors offered to escort the party on the tour. Secretary of Navy Knox, according to Washington reports, has left up to the board final selection of the site for the hospital.

The board originally reported selection of the Palos Verdes location but final decision has been delayed because of Long Beach protests. Contract for the 500-bed institution has been let to R. E. Campbell, Long Beach contractor.

## Judge Hunter Dies in Lomita

Judge L. J. Hunter, pioneer Lomitan, succumbed suddenly at his home, 2035 24th st., this morning about 8 o'clock. Altho he had been in poor health and was subject to periodic intervals of sickness, his death came as a great shock to his many friends. A resident of Lomita for 30 years, he served as the second justice of the peace in that community and was one of the first managers of the State Bank of Lomita. Death was due to a heart attack. Judge Hunter was 70 years old.

He was an insurance broker for many years and a native of Minnesota where he was a banker before coming west. The body is at the A. M. Gamby Mortuary in Lomita where tentative arrangements have been made to hold the funeral Saturday afternoon. Judge Hunter is survived by his devoted wife, Minnie; a daughter, Mrs. Katherine Tinning of Van Nuys, a grandson, Paul Tinning, and relatives in the east.

TIOGA PASS OPEN  
Tioga Pass, highest crossing of the Sierra Nevada range is open to travel. This route lies between Yosemite and Owens Valley is the last to open, and Sonora, Kit Carson and Ed-Betts Pass routes in the High Sierra are also open to travel.

## Powell, Murray and Babcock Oust Bartlett as City's Purchasing Agent

ENGINEER JAIN GETS INCREASE IN SALARY, NEW JOB, NEW TITLE, AT HEATED COUNCIL MEET

With the same scant regard for John Taxpayer's pocket-book which they have displayed in the past, the Powell-Murray-Babcock council machine now facing recall on July 29 steam-rollered City Clerk A. H. Bartlett out of his \$50-a-month job as city purchasing agent late last Thursday afternoon and shouldered it on Glenn Jain, city engineer, whose salary thus was boosted from \$235 to \$300 a month.

It was also suggested by Councilman Powell that another full-time employee be added to the city engineer's staff to assist Jain in order to give him time to do the city buying. Estimating the new staff member's salary at \$175 a month, the added cost to the taxpayer for the job shakeup thus becomes \$190 a month.

Jain, whose salary had been \$235 per month, also got a new title out of the deal that met vigorous opposition from Mayor Tom McGuire and Councilman James Hitchcock. He is now Director of Public Works. Councilman George J. Powell's excuse for taking the purchasing agent's job away from

the city clerk was effectively discounted by City Attorney John E. McCall. In protesting this latest item of "politics," Councilman Hitchcock asked the attorney if Powell's statement that the new city civil service ordinance demands such a separation of jobs was true. After consulting the measure, McCall held that the section stating that "no elective officer shall be qualified to hold a civil service position while serving as such officer" did not apply to Bartlett.

"Murray Doesn't 'Get It'"  
"I don't believe that has any effect on whether or not the job could be held by Mr. Bartlett," he said. "The position is entirely at the discretion of the city council and the council can appoint whoever it wants for the job. . . . Bartlett as purchasing agent is not an officer of the city—he is an employee."

Powell participated in most of the discussion with Murray confirming his remarks to periodical exclamations of "I don't get it. . . . I don't get it. . . . I don't get it." while McCall was giving his opinion of the law. Babcock limited his verbal

presence to nine words. When Bartlett read an opinion on his status as purchasing agent under the civil service ordinance, Babcock inquired: "Is it signed?"

The city clerk said the opinion was signed.

Babcock, who had not asked to inspect the letter held by Bartlett, then said: "I see no signature on it."

Powell Mixes Figures  
Harvel Guttenfelder and Fay L. Parks, prominent business men, spoke in commendation of Bartlett's services as purchasing agent, pointing out he was always available for business conferences and that the city engineer's duties keep him in the field most of the time. He would not be as readily available for purchasing matters as Bartlett has been, the two business men declared.

Powell began the Bartlett ouster move by stating that the city was paying the clerk \$75 a month as purchasing agent. He was corrected as to the amount by Bartlett but insisted that the pay had been raised from \$50 to \$75 "several years ago."

## 155 Register for Draft Here; Next Call-Out July 15

A total of 155 young men who became 21 years of age since the first draft registration day signed up under the Selective Service act in this district Tuesday. There were 86 registrations in Torrance at the headquarters of Selective Service Board No. 230, 1337 El Prado; 32 at the Lomita postoffice and 37 at the Gardena city hall, according to Carl Marsteller, clerk of the board.

At the first "R" day, Oct. 16, 1940, 1,263 registered in Torrance and 629 in Lomita. Subsequent registrations plus those in Gardena brought the total up to 3,060. To date, 157 men have been drafted or volunteered for Army training from this district. The 13th draft call-out is scheduled for July 15 when 13 young men will go from this area, leaving Torrance at 7 a. m.

The army probably will call up about 50,000 selective service trainees a month during the last half of this year and a big percentage of them will come from the ranks of the 750,000 men who registered Tuesday. Selective Service headquarters has worked out a system of interspersing the newest registrants in the list of those who enrolled last October. The effect will be to make many of the July 1 registrants quickly available for military service.

Men now serving will be released when they finish their year's training, Washington officials asserted this week.

## Hospital Wing Starts Tomorrow

Ground will be broken tomorrow morning for two new additions to the Torrance Memorial Hospital, it was announced today by hospital officials.

The new construction will include a new west wing, providing additional rooms for surgical and medical cases; and a large expansion of the nursery, to accommodate about four times as many cribs as at present. Cost of the two new additions will be \$20,000. Edward G. Neess was awarded the building contract recently. It is expected that building operations will be completed in 90 days.

## Sudden Heart Attack Fatal to Dick Yoder

A victim of a sudden heart attack, Thomas R. "Dick" Yoder, 42, of 2815 Arlington ave., collapsed in an elevator at the Edison building in Los Angeles and died a few minutes later Monday morning in a physician's office.

He was enroute to undergo a routine medical examination when he was stricken. News of Mr. Yoder's sudden death came as a distinct shock to his many friends and acquaintances here and in Redondo Beach.

According to friends, Mr. Yoder suffered a heart attack last Saturday. His condition was described as favorable Sunday but he wanted to have a medical examination to correct periods of ill-health, hence he went into Los Angeles Monday morning.

Funeral Held Today

He had been affiliated with the Southern California Edison Company for 18 years, 16 of which were served in Torrance, Redondo and other South Bay offices. He was manager of the Edison office here for six years.

Mr. Yoder was prominent in South Bay American Legion affairs, having served as commander of Post No. 184 in Redondo. He was at the time of his death, historian for the Legion in Redondo. A Mason for 15 years, Mr. Yoder was a past president of the old Redondo Beach Masonic Club.

The funeral service was held this afternoon (Wednesday) at Allen's Mortuary in Redondo Beach, with hundreds attending. The Masonic rites were conducted and interment was at Pacific Crest. Mr. Yoder was born A. Dubois, Pa., where his mother, six brothers and three sisters still reside. He was also survived by his devoted wife, Thora E., and a 16-year-old daughter, Jean. Mrs. Yoder's brother and family from Fair River Mills, Calif., attended the funeral.

Mr. Yoder served in the U.S. Army during the World War and re-enlisted for a three-year period following the Armistice.

## Solons Asked to Continue Work on Western Ave.

An appeal to Los Angeles Congressmen in Washington to continue WPA work on Western avenue, south of 104th st., considered one of the major national defense highway improvements in Los Angeles county was made this week by Supervisor Gordon L. McDonough.

In a wire to the Congressmen "reduction in the WPA program at this critical point in the state's history, not only presents a serious problem to the county of Los Angeles, but also closes down next Tuesday the half finished improvement of Western ave. south of 104th.

McDonough asked the Congressmen for every assistance possible to continue this major improvement, because this street is essential to national defense industries.

## Nat'l Supply Issued Permit for \$222,000 Plant Expansion

The National Supply Company has received a "Certificate of Necessity" for plant expansion to the amount of \$222,000 for production of airplane parts, it was learned this week from a bulletin issued by the National Defense Advisory Commission in Washington.

The certificates, it is explained "enables manufacturers to avail themselves of the 60-month amortization plan."

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## MARCH OF RINES

UN-FITTED By H. F. NOAKE

A friend of mine was telling me of his unhappy plight, he's tall, and slim as 'all get out,—no foolin', he's a sight. It seems his carcass wasn't built for clothing, ready-made, no suits are suited to his shape, no matter what is paid. The pants are always inches short, the waistline don't make sense, and just one word describes the vests, on him they're all "immense." Nor does a coat come near his size, it either droops or sags. "On me" as my friend puts it, "they fit like paper bags. Suits tailor-made come high in price, though they would fit no doubt; but ere I'd paid for one in full, the thing would be worn out. What shall I do?" he feebly asked, "I'm stuck, as you can see." "Well Bill," said I, "you'd better join,—a nudist colony."